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## The School District of Greenville County

W. Burke Royster  
Superintendent

November 19, 2018

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

**Re Docket Title:** Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Approval of Proposed Electric Transportation Pilot and An Accounting Order to Defer Capital and Operating Expenses  
**Re Docket numbers:** 2018-322-E and 2018-321-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On behalf of Greenville County Schools, I am writing to express my support for Duke Energy's electric transportation pilot program. As the largest school district in South Carolina and serving over 76,000 students, we are in favor of programs that positively impact public health through improved air quality. More specifically, the proposed EV School Bus Charging Station Program could have a direct impact on our students, families, and employees by reducing emissions as well as reducing the cost to taxpayers for fuel and vehicle maintenance. In addition, these buses would present an opportunity for a source of revenue for our schools by providing energy storage capacity that could be sold back to the grid at times of peak demand during the summer months, holidays, weekends, and other times buses are not in use.

For many years, it has been a challenge for our state to allocate the funds necessary to procure needed replacement buses and additional buses to accommodate student growth. So our support of the proposed project is contingent on it not reducing the total number of new buses that may be acquired for the state fleet and would have a positive or neutral life-cycle fiscal payback.

This innovative project would result in the installation of charging infrastructure in our area and may help to leverage other funding sources to replace older diesel buses with newer electric buses. We are also enthusiastic about the prospect of utilizing electric buses manufactured here in our state as well as the potential educational benefits for our students.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or would like more information.

Sincerely,

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